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## The past week in headlines

At-a-glance news...

**Honour the unsung heroes**
Mon, May 4 – Soap star Katherine Kelly will present this year's Pride in Northants Awards, it was revealed

**New look for town library**
Tues, May 5 – The Central Library in Northampton re-opened after a £180,000 refurbishment

**New cannabis factory found**
Tues, May 5 – Cannabis plants worth £150,000 were found in a house raid in The Headlands

# DNA hope at mass graves

**WORK has been taking place in France to see if soldiers from Northamptonshire could be among the bodies of up to 400 British and Australian servicemen buried in a mass grave more than 90 years ago.**

Excavation began on Tuesday of five mass burial pits at Pheasant Wood, in the village of Fromelles, in northern France, believed to contain the bodies of soldiers from the 61st British Division and 5th Australian Division, who died fighting in the Battle of the Somme in July 1916.

The 61st Division, also known as the 2nd South Midland Division, was assembled in Northampton in January 1915 and comprised soldiers from regiments across the region.

One of those whose body is thought to be among those buried at Fromelles is Private Ernest Arthur Percy Clark, from Wellingborough. He died in action on July 19, 1916, three months after his 20th birthday.

Pt Clark is named on the Loos Memorial in Pas de Calais, France, which lists the names of 20,000 soldiers who have no known graves. It is believed his family moved from Buckinghamshire to their home at Holly Buildings in Jacksons Lane, Wellingborough, some time after 1911.

The process of recovering the bodies will last until September and, by the end of 2010, the soldiers will be permanently laid to rest in individual graves at the first new war cemetery for 50 years, to be built at Fromelles.

Experts hope to identify the bodies using DNA profiling and are asking people who think their relatives may have died at Fromelles to come forward in the hope of providing named graves in the new cemetery for as many of the soldiers as possible.

David Stacey, of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, said: "We will be testing the bodies for DNA and will know in the next few weeks if it is feasible for us to identify them in this way.

"We would like people who think their relatives may have died in this battle to come forward so that, if DNA-identification is possible, we can find a match."

David Parish, of the Northamptonshire branch of the Western Front Association, said: "We are hoping when the excavation is done something will come to light that will help us to identify if any of the soldiers could be from Northamptonshire. This may be through the finding of an artefact, or through DNA evidence, but due to the length of time the bodies have been buried we expect identification to be difficult."

Anyone who believes they have a relative who may have lost their life at Fromelles can check at www.cwgc.org/fromelles.

■ Excavations begin at the mass graves in Fromelles, northern France

# 50,000 speed fines a year

**ALMOST 50,000 motorists a year are still being caught speeding on camera in Northamptonshire nearly a decade on from when they first became a fixture on the county's roads.**

**Home Office statistics showed 48,833 fines were handed out during 2007 – the most recent figures available – which represents a 13-fold increase on the number of errant drivers being caught during the first year of operation in 1999-2000.**

**However, a senior Northamptonshire Police officer has defended the figure saying that speed cameras had resulted in an overall reduction in the number of people killed or seriously injured on the county's roads.**

**Brian Ronaghan, the force's casualty reduction manager, also said the level of fines had actually been falling, year on year, since 2002.**

**He said: "This reflects the awareness of safety cameras and a general reduction in speeding throughout the county."**

**Since April 2007, camera partnerships have been awarded grants to invest in road safety and education, while surplus cash from fines goes to the Treasury.**

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# The Week in Numbers

**38:** Veteran singer Bob Dylan returned to the top of the album charts at the weekend for the first time in 38 years. *Together Through Life* leapt straight into the top spot, the 67-year-old's first number one since November 1970, when New Morning topped the charts.

**2:** It has now been two years since little Madeleine McCann went missing while on holiday with her family in Praia da Luz, Portugal. Her distraught parents – Kate and Gerry – appeared with chat show host Oprah Winfrey in the USA on the second anniversary of the disappearance. Kate said: "I cannot believe she has had two years without being with her family, where she should be." The family also released an image showing what Madeleine may look like today.

**5,000:** Workers at Vauxhall Motors were facing an uncertain future as talks about a take-over continued earlier this week. The UK car manufacturer could come under new ownership as ailing US giant General Motors is being eyed by Italian manufacturer Fiat. Fiat was assessing the possibility of merging its own car-making operations with GM's European arm and its 20 per cent interest in manufacturer Chrysler, which entered bankruptcy protection in the US last week. Vauxhall employs around 5,000 workers in the UK.

**10,000:** Figures released by the Home Office this week showed that safety cameras across the country are bringing in £10,000 of revenue ... every hour. Fixed penalties for speeding have increased by 100 per cent in the past 10 years.

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# 21 jailed in latest drug clampdown

**HEROIN and crack cocaine dealers have been sentenced to more than 60 years' imprisonment following the latest undercover police operation carried out in Northampton.**

Operation Metro has so far resulted in 21 drug dealers being jailed after they sold class A drugs to two women police officers who were posing as addicts, Jo and Alex.

In total, 33 people were arrested during the three-month operation, which was carried out in Northampton last summer, using covert video and audio surveillance to record the deals.

The test purchase operation targeted suppliers – and their runners – of heroin and crack in and around Northampton town centre between July and September last year.

Floyd Smith, aged 33, of Pembroke Gardens, was jailed for five years at Northampton Crown Court after admitting eight charges of selling drug deals to an undercover officer.

Judge Richard Bray told the former Jamaican national: "Heroin and crack cocaine are the two most dangerous drugs on sale in this country.

"They kill scores of young people every year.

"These offences were greatly aggravated by the fact you have a previous conviction for supplying crack cocaine.

"You were sentenced to 30 months on that occasion. You have not been deterred by that sentence."

Homeless Byron Aris, aged 49, who admitted 12 charges, was also jailed for five years, for repeated sales to test purchase officer Jo in Abington, Northampton, during September.

Jo Spicer, prosecuting, said: "In the scheme of things, this is a man who had a ready supply, from a stock of crack cocaine, and had at least two people working for him in the supply.

"In terms of the defendants who have been dealt with in Operation Metro, he was one of the more heavily involved in the supply chain."

Passing sentence, Judge Charles Wide recommended the Jamaican national also be deported.

He said: "I am satisfied your continued presence in this country is to its detriment."

Det Insp Julia Potts said: "The first phase used undercover police test purchase officers and this was followed by an enforcement phase, resulting in a large number of arrests and referrals.

"They were managed by the Reducing Supply group and throughout we have worked with partners in a multi-agency approach, to rigorously tackle the damage done to our communities by unlawful drugs.

"We will continue to disrupt drug dealers in this town and will not tolerate this activity.

"Residents living in drug-affected areas have been supportive of our work and I hope people will continue to come forward with information which will help us to help them."

> "We will continue to disrupt drug dealers in this town and will not tolerate this activity" – Operation Metro

Insp Mike Smith, the force's drug strategy co-ordinator, said: "The Reducing Supply team in Northamptonshire will continue to target drug supply, which leads on to criminality and anti-social behaviour.

"We are working with our partners to get offenders, and their families if necessary, into treatment.

"Everyone arrested for drugs offences is referred to us because, in dealing with suppliers and users, it is equally important that we deal with the long-term problem and get these people into treatment and deal with the associated issues.

"However, treatment is not a soft option. We will only take on people who are willing to participate in the programme that is on offer to them.

"Ultimately, we have to do everything we can to break the vicious circle of committing crime to fund a drug habit. It is in everyone's best interest that we do so."

Det Sgt Jen Helm said: "Put quite simply, drugs supply turns lives upside down; there is no getting away from that.

"It is hard for anyone in and around this sort of activity, and the people who indulge in it, not to be affected.

"These are the reasons that Northamptonshire Police will always be ready to pull together the many people, the specialist skills and the tools required to carry out such operations."

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## OTHER CASES Not jailed

■ **Katherine Vernon-Smith**, aged 19, formerly of Althorp Road, The Mounts, now of Camberley, Surrey, allowed her phone to be used in three drugs deals. She admitted three supply charges and in December, she was sentenced to a two-year community order.

■ **Tracey Townsend**, aged 25, of St George's Street, Semilong, was a runner for Francis and admitted being concerned in the supply of heroin. She was given a two-year community order with 12 months of drugs rehabilitation.

■ **Grant Filer-Hobbs**, aged 23, of Herbert Street, Semilong, who has Asperger's syndrome, got 52 weeks, suspended for 18 months, with probation supervision, after last month admitting two charges of supplying small deals of heroin and crack.

■ **Michael Rodgers**, aged 26, of Oak Street shelter, The Mounts. A warrant was issued for his arrest in January when he failed to be in court. Charged with a single count of being concerned in the supply of class A drugs.

# Disabled people are isolated by transport

**SOME disabled people living in Northamptonshire face a life of "pure discrimination" because public transport has left them living in isolation, the director of a disabled charity has claimed.**

**A report was due to be presented to Parliament today in which disabled commuters will reveal how the country's public transport system fails to accommodate the disabled.**

**Researchers found that half of trains lacked basic disabled facilities on board and at stations and on a third of bus journeys, the unidentified commuter was unable to board the vehicle which arrived.**

**The report was compiled by the Trailblazers, a group of 16 to 30-year-olds fighting for the rights of disabled people.**

**Ambassador Nick Wallis, a Northampton-based Duchenne muscular dystrophy sufferer, said: "Most people find it easy to get around and be independent, but when you are disabled, simple tasks like travelling spontaneously can be extremely difficult."**

**Sandra Bell, the director of Ability Northants, said the charity received a lot of complaints from disabled people and it was not only wheelchair users who suffered problems.**

**She said: "Our concern is within the county, where they're still using double decker buses.**

**"Some buses on the timetable are meant to be wheelchair friendly but when they come along they're not**

**"People who live in the rural parts of the county are actually sometimes living in isolation because they can't make the journeys that other people can. That to me is pure discrimination."**


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# Your View

After Bob Dylan's album topped the charts, we asked which artist or group would you like to make a comeback?

I'm pleased Blue are getting back together. I like their good pop vibes. **Daisy Torpey, aged 16, a student from Moulton, Northampton**

5ive or B*Witched. **Jack Conway, aged 21, a student from Far Cotton, Northampton**

I would have said Spandau Ballet but they've just announced a comeback. **Ashleigh Griffith, aged 21, a student of Far Cotton**

Michael Jackson and Take That ... but they have already had comebacks. **Michael Chapman, 26, a sales assistant from Duston, Northampton**

With Ricky Hatton being beaten at the weekend, we asked who is the greatest boxer of all time?

Muhammed Ali. You hear so much about him, it shows how good he must have been. **Zoe Collett, aged 20, a retail worker of Duston, Northampton**

I think it is Muhammed Ali. He is the most well known. **Graham Ward, aged 45, a builder of East Hunsbury, Northampton**

Nigel Benn. He was a great fighter and a great bloke **Mark Curtis, aged 44, of Northampton town centre**

Max Schmeling. He beat the best boxer of the time, Joe Lewis, after World War Two. **Heitz Norbert, aged 67, retired of St James, Northampton**

# Budget to rise to treat obesity

THE NHS war chest used to directly tackle obesity in Northamptonshire has had to more than quadruple in the space of three years to cope with an increase in overweight people, new NHS budget figures are expected to show.

A Freedom of Information request to NHS Northamptonshire has shown the county spent £277,000 on specifically tackling obesity between 2007 and 2008.

But health chiefs say they will have to ramp up their spending to £1.15 million in the next 12 months, excluding money they spend on health trainers and encouraging exercise for the general population.

Health chiefs are being forced to act as latest figures show almost one in four people in Northampton are now classed as obese.

A spokesman for NHS Northamptonshire said tackling obesity was a key priority in its master plan for the next five years.

He added: "Patients are likely to be treated in a range of settings, be that with their GP, one of the weight management programmes or one to one advice and intervention given by such professionals as health trainers, district nurses and health visitors."

The figures also revealed that, since October last year, the county NHS received 98 requests for obesity-busting bariatric surgery – the equivalent of almost a request every other day.

Options for surgery, which are normally required when patients weigh about double their healthy weight, include stomach stapling, a gastric band or an operation to shorten the gut.

A total of 88 of the operations were accepted since October, with 10 refused.

The £1.15 million spend is a fraction of what the county NHS is forced to lay out on treating diseases which arise as a result of being obese,

The Chron reported in October that, by 2010, the combined cost to Northamptonshire of conditions linked to being obese, like diabetes and heart disease, was likely to be almost £87 million a year, rising to £108 million a year by 2015.

The cost to NHS Northamptonshire of people being either overweight or obese by 2010 was predicted to be £174 million.

Critics of bariatric surgery on the NHS have argued that the public purse should not have to suffer the cost of what is usually perceived as a self-inflicted condition.

But 24-year-old Charlene Cooper, from Kingsthorpe, who lost four stone after a gastric band operation on the NHS, said: "Being overweight is not always a lifestyle choice. With me, for example, my weight problem was proven to be down to polycystic ovaries which caused hormonal problems.

"Even with people for whom that's not the case, the NHS would spend far more on treating conditions arising from people being obese than it does treating it directly."

# Trust awarded coveted status

**PATIENTS in Northamptonshire will have more of a say in how a county NHS body works after it successfully applied for greater independence from the Government.**

**Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS trust, which looks after mental health, learning disability, sexual health and drug and alcohol services, has achieved the much-coveted foundation trust status.**

**Most NHS organisations are keen to become Foundation Trusts because they have to achieve strict targets to be accepted and success proves they are giving patients a good service.**

**They also have greater financial freedoms, such as being able to keep cash surpluses at the end of one year for use on big projects in the next.**

**Also, the county population, rather than Government, is used to help set priorities for spending.**

**Ron Shields, chief executive of the new foundation trust, said: "Being authorised as a foundation trust reflects the quality of the work done by our staff, who are continuously improving the services they give to the people of Northamptonshire."**

**John Peet, chairman of the trust, added: "This is a great achievement for us. It provides us with that extra freedom to respond better to local health needs."**

# Pupils off to Malawi

A GROUP of sixth form students will give up three weeks of their summer holidays to help renovate a school building in one of the world's poorest countries.

The students from Northampton School for Boys will travel to Malawi in August, where they will spend their time decorating a school building, doing some teaching and taking part in sporting activities.

All the Year 12 students have paid their way to take part in the trip, but the 28-strong group has now organised a series of fundraising events to raise £8,000 to send ahead to Malawi, for their projects in the country.

Trip leader Fiona Murphy, a teacher at Northampton School for Boys, said it was the third successive year the school had organised the trip.

She said: "It's a great learning experience; it's a completely different culture and they will be living in it rather than visiting it."

Teachers are hard to attract and retain in Malawi and by building schools with homes attached, education can be provided to youngsters in the country. Four adults will accompany the 28 students on the trip to Ngala.

Sixteen-year-old Alice Markstein said: "I think it's an amazing opportunity. It's going to be a culture shock – I don't know what to expect."

The £8,000 will pay for the materials for the school building – such as cement and limewash – and also for builders to carry out work so the students can start painting once they arrive.

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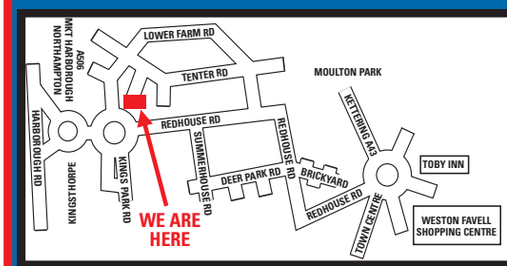



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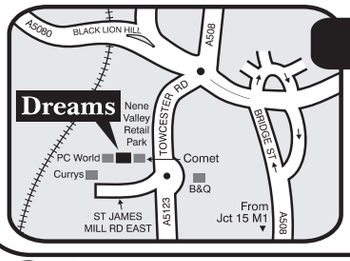


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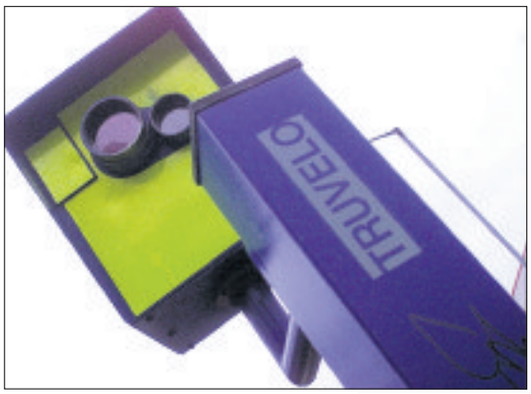


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Mr Ronaghan added: “This has enabled greater investment in education and road safety training and initiatives, in addition to speed detection.

“It has also enabled the Casualty Reduction Partnership to address other road safety offences such as mobile phone use, drink-driving and not wearing seatbelts.

Also, with the introduction of speed workshops as a diversion away from prosecution, more people in Northamptonshire are now being offered education as an alternative to receiving a fine and penalty points.

“The outcome is that Northamptonshire’s roads are now safer; 2008 brought both the lowest recorded number of road deaths and the lowest number of people seriously injured on our roads.”

But Matthew Elliott, of the Taxpayers’ Alliance said speed cameras seemed to be more about raising revenue than reducing speeds on the roads.

He added: “If any other policy had so clearly failed in its objective it would be scrapped but it seems that the authorities are too keen on the money speeding fines screw out of motorists.

“This is not just hugely expensive, it is dragging the reputation of the law through the dirt. Fining anyone should be about justice, not fundraising.”

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WARDS at Northampton General Hospital will be closed for up to three weeks at a time this summer to allow a £1.8 million building work project to take place as health chiefs try to meet Government demands to separate male and female patients.

The desire to protect the dignity of patients by keeping men and women apart was set out in Government health manifestos 10 years ago but few hospitals across the country have done anything about it.

The Department of Health has now set a September deadline for hospitals to use central funding to make sure men can have access to toilets and showers without coming into contact with women.

Hospital managers said they will shut 16 wards for up to three weeks to fit additional bathrooms, with the work starting in May and aiming to finish in September.

Charles Abolins, the director of facilities at the site, said the project had the potential to be "very, very complex" and was

bound to affect the smooth operation of hospital services.

He said: "This could be hugely disruptive to the running of the hospital, particularly given the tight time constraints.

"However, the disruption to actual patients should be minimal."

The hospital is unclear if there will be a Government penalty for missing the September deadline but the more concerning prospect would be having a ward still closed by winter, when there are usually more patients needing beds.

Moya McVicar, a patient representative, said: "It'll be a case of keeping our fingers crossed that it goes to schedule because all it takes is a few cases of something like this swine flu and they'll need all the beds they can get.

"However, I would welcome this plan because older women in particular don't feel quite right about men walking around sometimes not covered up properly."

Mr Abolins said patients will benefit from the new facilities at Northampton General Hospital, where a third of the buildings are more than 50 years old.

The hospital will use £1.3 million of Government cash and £500,000 of its own funds to fit up to four extra bathrooms in each of 16 wards so that patients in each bay will in effect have their own bathroom.

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# Letters

## Congratulations to wonderful hospital

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I am 74 years old and have never actually been in for any procedures all my life, but the need came and I am now writing to congratulate the wonderful cardiac team for all the care and attention I received.
I am so full of praise for Dr Helen Binns, Dr R Cox and all the dedicated team working together for our National Health Service in our Northampton General Hospital. After having an angiography, followed next day by angioplasty, it probably saved my life.
I want people to realise all the good decisions and wonderful achievements instead of the negative things.
Also, they are doing their very best to separate wards. I was in an all-women's ward and the men's ward was further down.
Well done NGH and well done heart clinic.

**Mrs P Johnson, Moulton**

■ REGARDING the MPs' abuse of expenses, why don't we employ the same solution as was used on workers in the construction industry?
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**B Coote, Kingsthorpe**

■ THE Chronicle & Echo printed a glowing report on Kate Silverton (below). We know that this is just a matter of opinion, but to us she is a real turn-off if one is expecting a good news presenter.
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# Stadium bid 'will be treated fairly'

**PLANNING chiefs from Northampton Borough Council have stressed that plans to build an Asda supermarket next to the Saints rugby ground will have to face the same tests as any other large-scale retail developments in the area.**

The Saints announced plans to expand Franklin's Gardens by allowing Asda to build a £40 million supermarket on one of their car parks last week, resulting in Cobblers football fans calling for the development to be handled in the same way as Northampton Town FC's own scheme to expand Sixfields.

In response, a spokesman for the borough council said no official plans had yet been submitted by either the rugby club or the football club, but insisted both would be treated equally.

He added: "We'll consider the Saints planning application when it's submitted in accordance with planning policy and legislation.

"Any new application must also be considered against the impact it would have on the vitality and regeneration of the town centre. We cannot treat this development any differently to any other application using the planning process."

Although the borough council is likely to be consulted on both the Asda plan and the scheme to extend Franklin's Gardens, a final decision on whether the developments should get the go-ahead would be made by the West Northamptonshire Development Corporation (WNDC), based at Franklin's Gardens.

Many Cobblers fans' initial reaction to the Saints plan was scepticism, following the years of delays they have seen in the football club's own plan to expand their stadium by building a retail development.

One fan said: "Whilst I wish success to all the town and county's clubs, I must say I'm staggered by this proposal and the way it's being funded.

"If the similar proposals by NTFC recently caused such consternation how is this any different?"

Others argued development at Franklin's Gardens could actually help support the case for the redevelopment of Sixfields.

One fan added: "This shouldn't be seen as a fight between rugby and football, but what's best for the two sports teams. We have to hope the council starts showing some common sense in these uncertain times, when there's a chance to bring some welcome positivity to the area."

Full details of the Asda plan have not yet been revealed, but the store could be built on a car park on which the Saints currently have a long-term lease.

The store itself would be 4,000-square-metres in size and sell food and non-food items such as clothes and DVDs. The development would pay for the construction of a £6 million north stand for the Saints.

Planning applications for both developments are expected to be submitted to the WNDC this summer.

## On the flu front line

A FORMER *Mercury* journalist has been providing international news channels with updates from Mexico about the outbreak of swine flu.

James Blears, who worked in Northampton in the 1980s, is now based in Mexico City where he has been filing reports for Sky News and Fox News.

In a dispatch for Radio France Internationale, he said: "In the first days it was surreal, when you went into a supermarket, everyone had their masks on and people were bulk-buying in a subdued panic."

■ The number of confirmed cases of swine flu in the UK yesterday stood at 28.

# Freetime

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# Magical tales brought to life

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# Puzzles

## TELEVISION Quiz

1. Kristen Schaal stars as the stalkerish Mel in *Flight Of The Conchords*, which returns to BBC Four on Tuesday. What are the names of the two lead characters?

2. Former *Queer As Folk* star Charlie Hunnam appears in *Sons Of Anarchy*, which begins on Virgin 1 on Tuesday. He features alongside Ron Perlman in the series, who is best known for playing which bright red, larger-than-life comic book hero?

3. Dr Alice Roberts investigates the migratory patterns of our distant ancestors in *Incredible Human Journey*, which begins on BBC Two on Sunday. Name another of the series she has fronted for the BBC?

4. Johnny Vegas (pictured) returns to BBC Two with another series of *Ideal* on Monday May 11. But what is Johnny's real name?

5. Cast your mind back. Tim Roth stars in *Lie To Me*, which begins on Sky1 next Thursday. He made his name playing Mr Orange in which 1992 Quentin Tarantino film?

## WHAT year is this?

1. Nelson Mandela (right) was sentenced to life imprisonment
2. Nash and Dixon won gold for Britain at the Winter Olympics
3. The budget increased the price of a pint of beer to 2s1d (10.5p)
4. BBC2 went on the air

**ANSWERS:**
WORD SPIRAL: 1. Moat 2. Taxi 3. Ibis 4. Spot 5. Tips 6. Slow 7. Ward 8. Dome 9. Eton 10. Neon 11. Nets 12. Stem 13. Maid 14. Drey 15. Yelp 16. Puck: Key word: Dickens
WHAT YEAR? 1964
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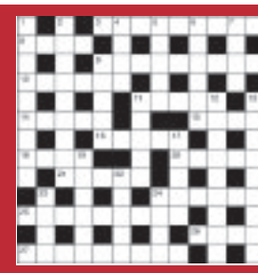

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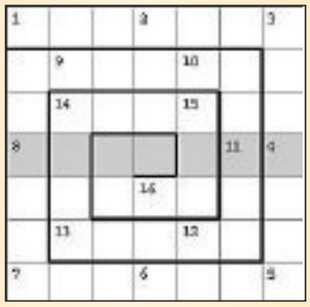

Starting from 1, fill in the grid in a clockwise direction. The last letter of each four-letter answer is the first letter of the next word. A correct grid will reveal a seven-letter key word. **CLUES:** 1. Castle surround 2. Hire car 3. Wading bird 4. Pimple 5. Gratuities 6. Not fast 7. Hospital room 8. Curved roof 9. Public school 10. Inert gas 11. Meshes 12. Plant part 13. Female domestic servant 14. Squirrel's nest 15. Short sharp cry 16. Ice hockey disc **Key word:** A surname


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18 Today.
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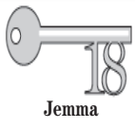
x



**Jemma O'CONNOR**
Happy Birthday Jem.
Wishing you health and happiness for the future.
Lots of love
Nan & Pap (milk)
x x

***Jemma O'CONNOR***
Congratulations and very best wishes on your 18th Birthday.
Love from Janet, Bert, Debbie, George, Deana, Stephen and Families.

***Liam O'SULLIVAN***
Happy 18th Birthday
Lots of love
Mum, Dad & Kieran
x x x
Also love from Mahri
x

## 30th Birthday

**Nicola DENT**
Wishing you a Happy 30th Birthday Nikki.
Lots of love Mum and John xx

Happy 30th Birthday Nikki love Mark and Kelly xx

## 60th Birthday

Ron CRAIG
Happy 60th Birthday!
Love from Little Sis
x

## 70th Birthday

**Maureen HUGHES**
*Happy Birthday to a wonderful Mum, Nan and Great Nan. Wishing you a lovely day, lots of love from Martin, Jacqueline, Phillip, Layla, Evie, Nicola, Caroline, Grace and Lillian. Special cuddles from Molly and Oscar. Woof woof! x Bill x*

## Congratulations

**NIGHTINGALE**
Well done Mark on completing the **London Marathon in 3hrs 20 mins**
Thanking everyone who supported him for Great Ormond Street Hospital
Love from all the family.
x x x

## Forthcoming Marriages

**BRESNAHAN & BROCK**
Denis and Sally Bresnahan and Neil and Janet Brock are delighted that the wedding of
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## Marriages

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*Congratulations on your Wedding Day, 2nd May 2009. Wishing you both health and happiness for your future life together. Lots of love from both families.*

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## Acknowledgements

**GOFFE**
*The family of the late Shirley would like to thank all relatives, neighbours & friends for their kind words of sympathy, cards & beautiful floral tributes & to the staff at Abington Medical Centre. Special thank you to Distrist Nurses, Vicki, Linda & Jenny for their support & help given to Shirley & to Reverend J. Evans for a fantastic service for a wonderful Lady. Finally to B. Hollowell & Son for all they did above & beyond.*

**MERRILL**
The family of the late Alice Merrill would like to thank Ann Bonham & Sons especially Gail for their kindness, sympathy and special touches. Symphony Nursing Home especially Darren and all the staff who cared for Mum so lovingly, Tim and Anita for having such a wonderful care home. We would also like to thank all Family and Freinds who attended the service which was conducted by Reverend Malcolm Deacon who's words gave us such comfort at this sad time.
We would also like to thank everyone who donated to Symphony Care Home Residents Fund.

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***SKELTON***
*The family of the late Molly would like to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation to all their friends and relatives for the kind words and messages of condolences. It is a great comfort to us all to know we have such genuine, caring friends and a strong supportive family.*

## In Memoriam

**ALLEN John**
Precious memories of John who fell asleep on 4th May 2007. Missed love more than words can say.
Love Bernie, Brother Tim, Margaret and family.
From Val, Noel, Derak.
X
God Bless

**BOTTERILL Bob**
Passed away May 7th 1997
Loving Husband, Father & Pap
Gone are the days we loved to share
But in our hearts you are always there.
Missed and loved so much
Joan
x x

**ALLEN John**
04.05.07
In loving memory of our Dad.
Lonely are the hearts that loved you.
Your loving family
Peggy, Steve, Mary, Ronnie, Kathleen, Kevin, Teresa, Francess, Geoff and all you Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.
God bless
x x x x x

**BOTTERILL Bob**
7.5.97
Precious are the memories no one can take away
Ours to love and cherish through every passing day
All our lives we miss you as the years come and go
In our hearts we keep you because we love you so.
Still sadly missed by Daughter Denise
Son-in-law John and Grandchildren Matthew and Danielle

## In Memoriam

**DILLON David John**
Taken from us so suddenly and tragically three years ago today.

No one knows the grief we bear,
when the family meets and you're not there.
We laugh, we smile, we play the part,
but behind it all lies broken hearts.
Your memory is our greatest treasure,
to have, to love, to keep forever.
We talk of memories one by one, words you have said, things you have done.
They bring a smile, more often a tear and a constant wish that you were still here.

We love you Dave and always will,
our precious Son, so dearly loved.
Until we meet again.
You will be forever in our hearts and mind.
Mum and Dad. xxx

**DILLON David**
4th May 2006
Three years ago today you were suddenly taken from us.
Not a day goes by when you are not in our thoughts.
We will never forget your happy smile and the fun life you gave us.
You meant so much to each of us.In our hearts you'll always be.
We love you lots
Dad. Laura, Sophie & Abigail
xxx

Forever in my thoughts.My love always Angela
xx

**DILLON David**
Died May 4th 2006.
Remembering a very dear Son-in-Law who is in my thoughts and is very much missed.
Rene
x

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**DIXON John**
Devoted Husband,Father and "Pop" passed away 7th May 2008
No-one knows the grief we bear when the family meets and you're not there we laugh, we smile, we play the part but behind it all lies broken hearts.
Your memory is our greatest treasure to have, to love, to keep forever. we talk of memories one by one words you have said, things you have done
they bring a smile more often a tear a constant wish that you where still here, we love you John and always will, you have left a void no one can fill.

God Bless from all your family

**DZYDZA** — Barbara 1st May 2007.Miss you so much Darling.Love you forever Zed xx

**ENGLISH George**
May 4th.
Dear Husband of Jean & Dad to Dave & Grandchildren.
Two years ago we had to say goodbye, but memories of you will never die
x x x

**FREEMAN David Anthony**
14.10.78 - 04.05.02.
Not a day goes by that you are not in my thoughts.
The best Big Brother anyone could wish for.
Love as always
Vikki
x x x x

**HAMMERSLEY Derick**
01.05.05
Loving memories of my dear Husband.
Lonely is the heart That loved you.
Your memory will never fade.
Love Sylvia

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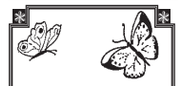

**HILL Sonya**
May 3rd 1999.
Dearly loved precious Daughter.
Missed so very much.
Lovely memories of happy days passed keep you close.
Mum
x x
Dearest Mum to Jordanne and Ethan.
Loved and missed so very much as ever the wind beneath our wings
x x
Much loved and missed Sister, Granddaughter, Niece, Auntie and Cousin.
Remembered always x x

**PATRICK** — Emily. 03.08.1908 - 04.05.2008
One year on. Still sadly missed. Loving Mum to Margorie, Peter, Tony, Renate and Family.

**YOUNG Doreen**
Mum / Nanny.
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## NEWS at a glance

### Dealing with bad parking

ENGLISH local authorities will be able to tackle inconsiderate and dangerous parking more easily, Transport Minister Paul Clark has confirmed.

From June, councils which carry out parking enforcement will be able to issue Penalty Charge Notices to motorists who park at dropped kerbs or double-park, without the need for these prohibitions to be indicated with specific traffic signs or road markings. This follows consultation which showed strong support for the move.

Authorities in London have successfully used this tool for a number of years to help wheelchair users and those with prams manoeuvre on and off pavements as well as stopping inconsiderate motorists from blocking residents' driveways. It has also helped deter motorists from blocking the road when parking.

Transport Minister Paul Clark said: "Dropped kerbs are there to help wheelchair users and those with powered mobility vehicles or prams get around easily and safely. They also allow residents to access their garages and driveways.

"The Highway Code is clear that drivers should not stop or park in such places and we believe placing of traffic signs or road markings to indicate these restrictions should not be necessary - as is the case in London.

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You automatically approach a seven-seat MPV measuring four and a half meters from nose to tail with certain expectations about how it will drive but it's worth giving the Grand Scenic the benefit of the doubt.

The ride quality is first class, the car tiptoeing over poor road surfaces and avoiding wobbliness on sudden undulations. The steering is sometimes too light and the manual gearbox isn't the slickest but in general, and considering the Grand Scenic's family remit, Renault has got the balance just about right.

There's a broad choice of engines. Petrol customers can take a 1.6-litre 16v unit with 110bhp, a 2.0-litre 16-valver with 140bhp and a CVT automatic gearbox or the more interesting 1.4 TCe turbo engine. Despite its modest capacity, this turbocharged engine has 130bhp and a silky smooth power delivery. It can take the bulky Scenic to 62mph in 10.7s and although it can get a little loud in the upper reaches of the rev-range, refinement is generally good.

The diesels kick off with the 105bhp 1.5 dCi which turns in a glittering economic performance but may lack the fizz that some buyers will be looking for on the road. The 1.9-litre dCi 130 engine is stronger but the flagship 2.0-litre dCi 160 is the one to go for if you've got the budget.

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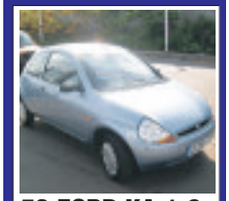

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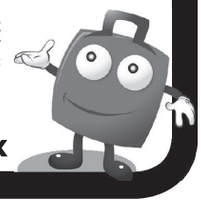

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# Sport

## Ricky urged to quit the ring

**Sat, May 2 – Ricky Hatton's boxing camp urged him to retire after his light-welterweight defeat against Manny Pacquiao**

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## The past week in headlines

At-a-glance sport...

**Relegation for Town**
Sat, May 2 – The Cobblers missed their chance to avoid relegation when they lost 3-0 at play-off hopefuls Leeds United

**Ovation for prop Smith**
Fri, May 1 – Saints and Scotland prop received a standing ovation after his last game at Franklin's Gardens before retiring

**United fail in Fletch appeal**
Weds, May 6 – Manchester United failed to appeal against Darren Fletcher's red card in their Champions League win over Arsenal

# Relegated Cobblers axe four players

**COBBLERS skipper Chris Doig is one of four players who have not been offered new contracts by the relegated club.**

**Doig is looking for a new team after learning of his fate in a meeting with manager Stuart Gray on Tuesday. Also leaving Sixfields are strikers Leon Constantine and Colin Larkin, and youth-team graduate Greg Taylor.**

**But four players have been offered new deals, with terms put on the table for Mark Hughes, Jason Crowe, Giles Coke and goalkeeper Chris Dunn.**

**Liam Dolman, the ninth player out of contract at the club this summer, has been invited back for pre-season training on July 1 and could then be offered a deal based on his performance level.**

**Doig has paid the price for an injury-strewn couple of years – he has played 51 times in the past two seasons – while Leon Constantine failed to reproduce his previous goal-scoring form during his 12 months at Northampton.**

**Larkin and Taylor can consider themselves quite unfortunate, as neither has been given an extended run in the first team, the latter's entire Town career lasting only four minutes, as a substitute in the memorable Carling Cup win at Bolton Wanderers.**

**"It is never an easy decision, and of course we wish those players moving on all the best and thank them for their efforts," said Gray. "We are sorry to see some excellent servants of the club depart, but the bottom line is we have not been good enough this season and we need to change things ."**

# Fans annoyed at cup final location

**SAINTS fans have joined their Bourgoin counterparts in protesting over the date and venue of the European Challenge Cup final.**

Bourgoin appealed to European Rugby Cup (ERC) at their decision to stage the final on Friday, May 22, at Gloucester, claiming it showed a 'clear lack of equality, which is heavily prejudicial to our club'.

But Northampton fans were not happy either, with the Friday night kick-off meaning many would not be able to break work commitments to get to Gloucester for the evening kick-off.

The ERC have already rejected Bourgoin's appeal and are adamant the final will go ahead at Kingsholm as planned, but it has left many Saints fans unhappy.

Season ticket-holder David Greave, 32, of Ware, in Hertfordshire, said: "I work in London and, having looked at the train timetables, it will be really hard for me to get there in time and even harder to get back. With all the extra hassle and cost involved, I will probably have to give up and watch it on TV."

Town councillor David Coe, 71, of Desborough, who is also a season ticket-holder, said: "It is not a particularly big ground, so we won't be able to fit all our support in it. And putting a final on a Friday night is not ideal.

"I am retired so I am okay, but for factory workers and school children, it will be virtually impossible to get to Gloucester in time."

Season ticket-holder Michael Peters, 62, of Moulton, said: "This is a ludicrous decision. I was really excited about going, but the thought of battling against the bank holiday weekend traffic to get to Gloucester on a Friday night and then getting back at gone midnight has put me off."

**Action from last Friday's European Challenge Cup win over Saracens** *Picture by LINDA DAWSON*

French side Bourgoin are even more upset. They face a potentially crucial Top 14 match less than a week before the final and feel the venue will be unfairly beneficial to Saints.

"Our disappointment is clearly immense," read a statement from French outfit. "Our supporters are forced to make a long, complex and costly trip on a Friday.

"And Gloucester is situated less than 150 kilometres from Northampton – the fans of our opponents couldn't ask for much more. It is also the ninth successive final in England."

However, Jean-Pierre Lux, the president of the ERC – the governing body which runs European competition, maintains Bourgoin can have no complaints about the location and the timing of the match, and insists the schedule will not be altered. After the pool matches, that's to say the end of January, the ERC, like every year, sent a joint letter to the Ligue Nationale de Rugby (LNR) and the French Rugby Federation (FFR) to find out if France wanted to be candidates to organise the final of the European Challenge Cup," Lux said. "The FFR said they would put it to the league but we never had a response from the league, despite several conversations that we have had in various reunions."

Lux added: "At no time in those three months did France put themselves forward to say they could be interested in (hosting) this final.."

Northampton sealed their place in the final with a nailbiting 16-13 win over Saracens at Franklin's Gardens last Friday, a late Stephen Myler drop-goal separating the two sides.

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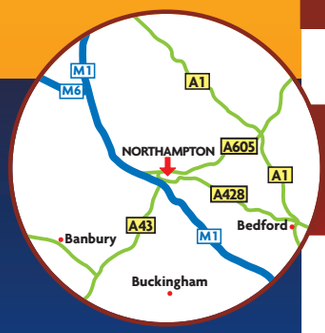


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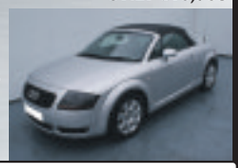

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